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1. ACCORDING TO UK RESREP (SLATER), AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS OF INTENSIVE LOBBYING EFFORTS ON HIS PART, ONLY THREE BOARD MEMBERS (DENMARK, NETHERLANDS, THAILAND) HAVE AGREED UNCONDITIONALLY TO CO-SPONSOR UK DRAFT RESOLUTION OF FEBRUARY MEETING OF BG. SLATER REPORTS RECEIVING "ENCOURAGING" INITIAL REACTION FROM REPS OF ZAIRE, VENEZUELA AND COLOMBIA THOUGH RECOMMENDATIONS TO CAPITALS BY LAST TWO WILL PROBABLY DEPEND TO SOME DEGREE ON OUTCOME OF CAUCUS OF ALL LOCAL LA REPS. JAPAN HAS DECLINED CO-SPONSORING IN VIEW OF DELICATE DOMESTIC SITUATION REGARDING DIET ACTION ON NPT RATIFICATION.

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REACTION OF IRANIAN REP AND "SOME OTHERS" WAS NONCOMMITTAL PENDING INSTRUCTION FROM CAPITALS.

USSR MISSION, INITIALLY NOT INTERESTED IN CO-SPONSORING RESOLUTION, (THOUGH PROMISING UK "FULL SUPPORT") IS SAID TO BE RECONSIDERING THAT POSSIBILITY. CANADA AND FRG HAVE RESPONDED ALONG CONDITIONAL LINES, DEPENDENT UPON WHO ELSE WILL CO-SPONSOR.

2. FROM NEGATIVE REACTION OF INDIAN RESREP (MEHTA), SLATER INFERS INDIA WILL OPPOSE RESOLUTION. WHAT PARTICULARLY DISTURBS SLATER, HOWEVER, IS RESPONSE OF AUSTRALIAN MISSION WHICH HAS BEEN RAISING VARIOUS QUESTIONS ABOUT WORDING OF RESOLUTION, ITS PURPOSE, REAL OR IMAGINED PITFALLS, ETC.; SLATER ATTRIBUTES THIS TO AUSTRALIAN PIQUE REGARDING EXCLUSION FROM LONDON TALKS.

3. WITH ONE MONTH REMAINING BEFORE BG MEETING, WE ARE STILL A LONG WAY FROM NUMBER OF COSPONSORS ENVISAGED IN PARA 4 REFTTEL. WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED AS PRE-BOARD CONSULTATIONS CONTINUE.LABOWITZ

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